

FISCAL MEMORANDUM
HB 2586 – SB 2620

March 20, 2008

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (015462): Broadens the Class E felony offense of false reporting of child sexual abuse to include false accusation that a child has sustained any wound, injury, disability, or physical or mental condition caused by brutality, abuse or neglect.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

Increase State Expenditures - \$13,800/Incarceration*

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions applied to amendment:

- Two offenders per year will serve 0.3 years (109.58 days) for the offense of false reporting of child physical abuse. According to the Department of Correction, the average operating cost per inmate per day for calendar year 2008 is \$62.78. The cost per inmate at 0.3 years is \$6,879.43 (\$62.78 x 109.58 days). The total additional cost for two offenders is \$13,758.86 (\$6,879.43 x 2).
- No significant incarceration cost increase will occur due to population growth in this period.

*Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 9-4-210, requires that: *For any law enacted after July 1, 1986, which results in a net increase in periods of imprisonment in state facilities, there shall be appropriated from recurring revenues the estimated operating cost of such law. The amount appropriated from recurring revenues shall be based upon the highest cost of the next 10 years.*

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director

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